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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

A certain pharmacist in San Francisco was, like so many others, burned out by the fire in April. He resumed business before the smoke had blown away, but on entirely new lines. **WHOSE FAULT?** He decided to run his store, for at least six months, as a purely prescription pharmacy, consigning nostrums, "patent" medicines and sundries to the outside place where they belong. His experience is most interesting. Within the first week a prescription for "antikamnia" was presented. It came not from a quack, nor from an infant in the profession, nor from an ignoramus, but from a physician of some name and standing in the community! Probably there never has been a more disgracefully but consistently dishonest and fraudulent nostrum foisted upon our profession than this deadly "antikamnia," yet here is a physician, presumably a self-respecting gentleman, who continues to help along the fraud! And there were others as ignorant or as lazy who "prescribed"—forgive us the word!—other nostrums, to the discouragement of the pharmacist who wanted to do right. One day a woman came in with a prescription; it was filled and given her, but before leaving she asked for a bottle of a nostrum once popular with a certain class of physicians. Some kind friend had doubtless recommended it, and thus was she aiding (?) the physician. So it went until now the shelves of the "prescription pharmacy" look about as much like a department store as though the effort for decency had never been made. The attempt to be clean and decent was defeated by the very men who should have supported it—physicians!

On April 18th the JOURNAL was forcibly ejected from its office in the Y. M. C. A. Building, and for two months and four days it was **OUR NEW OFFICE** without office other than the very cramped quarters supplied by the "editorial hat." Once more, however, as the world has turned, the JOURNAL has a home of its own and the "editorial hat" hangs on a hook in the closet. The JOURNAL and the offices of the State Society are now located at 2210 Jackson street, San Francisco, and here all exchanges, communications, etc., should be sent. For two months our mail has been inflicted on Dr. Frank Adams, 1230 Telegraph Ave., Oakland, and upon the Athenian Club, Oakland. We desire to extend our sincere thanks to Dr. Adams and to the Club for taking us in; we'll promise not to bother our friends any more, if old Seismos will leave us alone and let us tend strictly to business. May we venture to ask our exchanges, friends, advertisers, and correspondents generally, to note the new address? 2210 Jackson street, *San Francisco*. It's a pretty good place to be in, even if it has been "knocked," "jarred," "roasted" and "burned up" by the elements as well as by the yellow press and the over-zealous pious.

Please Note our new address, 2210 Jackson street, San Francisco, California.

It is well nigh impossible for any one outside of San Francisco to realize all the difficulties encountered in the attempt to gather up the **PLEASE HELP** burned threads on the business loom. This word of polite request is addressed to our friends and correspondents outside of San Francisco, and if we merely say to you that the JOURNAL office and all it contained save our account books, has been destroyed, the simple statement will not mean very much. So we will be a bit more explicit. Please don't ask for back numbers of the JOURNAL, for there are none. Please don't ask for copies of the Constitution and By-Laws, or for back numbers of the Register of Physicians, or for programs, for there are none. In writing, please do not refer to any correspondence sent or received prior to April 18th, for all our correspondence is gone. If you wish to refer to anything in the way of correspondence prior to that date, please quote the letter or letters to which you refer. Please don't ask for sample copies until we have had time to dust off some of the ashes and find out just where we are. If you have written to us and do not get an answer by return mail, do not become enraged; be patient; about four sacks of mail accumulated before we had time to even begin to read the written word. Just a little thought along these lines will help us and will be appreciated. We ask the medical journals that receive this, please to publish a paragraph stating that we are trying to re-establish our mailing list and requesting all journals that formerly received our journal or should wish to exchange with us, please to indicate that fact by writing to us at 2210 Jackson Street, San Francisco.